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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

MORE KAISERISMS.

Germany Engaged in a "Holy Fight!"

London, May 30.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the Kaiser, in a remarkable address to the troops on the Aras front, declared that the enemy was attempting, with unparalleled supplies of munitions, finally to break the German resistance. He said:—"Noble-minded Germans can appreciate the motive of the French, who are fighting to liberate their homes, but the English are fighting obstinately and tenaciously only for the enlargement of their power at Germany's cost. Germany is fighting a holy fight, the duration of which is in God's hands. Germany's business is to hold on, however long it may last. German civilians are prepared to share with the troops every danger and distress. Meanwhile, German submarines are working to cut to pieces the enemy's vital nerve."

AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT OPENS.

A Very Lively Session Expected.

London, May 31.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Vienna message says the Reichsrath has opened its first sitting since the war. The galleries were crowded. Dr. Groes, the leader of the German National League, has been elected President.
There are indications that the session will be a very lively one, as the Czech Parties, who are numerically superior, are united in order to insist on the foundation of a single Slav State, while the Poles and Socialists intend to make a demonstration in favour of peace. Moreover, the Poles demand the union of Galicia with an independent Poland having an outlet to the sea.

Hostility of the Czechs.

London, May 30.
The meeting of the Reichsrath has everywhere aroused great attention, owing to the possibilities of big developments therefrom. The Czechs have already begun a policy of bitter hostility towards the Government. They did not participate in the voting for the President, while they have elected M. Klotzsch their chairman, as a protest against the Government's imprisoning him for three years without trial on a charge of high treason.

MAILS FROM HOME.

Fortnightly Despatch in Future.

London, May 30.
The Postmaster General announces that in future mails will be despatched to India and the East fortnightly, instead of weekly. The first mail under the new arrangement will be despatched next week.

JAPAN'S NEED OF GOLD.

London, May 30.
The Times correspondent at New York states that in response to requests for information about the heavy gold on flow to Japan, the agencies of Japanese financial institutions have informed the Treasury that they will probably require ten millions sterling of gold during the next three months, in order to pay India for cotton.

MR. CHURCHILL AND THE GOVERNMENT.

London, May 31.
The Daily Chronicle states that Mr. Winston Churchill has been offered a post in the Government.

IMPORTANT SHIPPING FUSION.

London, May 31.
The Times states that an agreement has been concluded for the fusion of the interests of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand.

A BRITISH AEROPLANE'S FLIGHT.

London, May 31.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome says a British aeroplane has arrived there. It flew over London, stopping at Paris, Turin and Pisa.

FRENCH APPEAL TO BRITISH SHIPPING.

London, May 31.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, M. Bousquet, the Secretary of the Naval Committee of the Chamber, contributes an article to a newspaper, appealing for further British help to French shipping. He mentions that over 600 British ships are at present working for France.

LORD DEVONPORT'S INDISPOSITION.

London, May 31.
Lord Devonport, the Food Controller, is suffering from a disease of the ear.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

An International Socialist Conference.

London, May 30.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the Executive of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates has decided to convene an International Socialist Conference at Stockholm between July 15 and July 30.

Finnish Demands.

London, May 31.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says the Government is discussing Finnish demands, including autonomy from Finland, under an international guarantee.

Punishing Drunkards.

London, May 31.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the Government has decreed that all cases of public drunkenness shall be punishable with eighteen months' imprisonment, and for violence or robbery by a drunkard, six or eight years' servitude.

A Financial Proposal.

London, May 31.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Government has unanimously approved of the proposals of M. Teleschuk, who is temporarily in charge of the Finance Department, to raise a loan of two thousand million roubles for the issue of paper money.

GREAT AERIAL BATTLES.

Strange Spectacles in France.

London, May 31.
Correspondents at Headquarters state that, despite the lull in fighting, the British aerial offensive continues unrelentingly day and night.
There have been some most desperate air battles fought recently, many at a height of 19,000 feet.
Thirty German machines were destroyed on May 27 alone, when, in one case, six British and eight German machines were so close that wings grazed wings. The spectacle was bewildering, as the combatants described enormous loops and swoops, holding each others' tails. Once, seven machines locked together and towards the earth, pouring out bullets amid a shower of shrapnel from the guns below, in a fight to the end, which resulted in the destruction of four German machines, the British machines being victorious.
On another occasion, a British pilot, after destroying two machines, was attacked, but he felled his assailant with seven shots from an automatic pistol after his gun had become jammed.

SOCIALIST CONFERENCE.

The British Representatives.

London, May 31.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm, the Dutch-Scandinavian Socialist Committee has been informed that the British Socialists have nominated Mr. G. H. Roberts, M.P., and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., to represent the majority and minority respectively at the International Socialist Conference.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

German Raiders Driven Off.

London, May 31.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, states:—"We drove off raiders south of Armentieres, taking prisoners. There was considerable reciprocal artillery firing near Ballecourt, on the right bank of the Scarpe."

Artillery Livelihood.

London, May 31.
A Berlin official message says there is lively artillery firing at the Ypres and Wytschate borders.
There is a very intense artillery duel at Chemin de Dames and in Western Champagne.

ITALIAN SHIPPING FREEDOM.

London, May 31.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that the arrivals for the past week have been 498 vessels, with a combined tonnage of 488,110. The sailings have been 476, with a tonnage of 451,255, not including fishing boats and small coasters. No steamers were sunk. Twelve sailing ships were sunk, each under fifty tons.

ITALIAN FOODSTUFF PRICES.

London, May 31.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, the Gazette announces that persons buying foodstuffs at prices above those fixed by the Government are liable to six months' imprisonment.

DUTCH STEAMER SEIZED.

London, May 27.
The Meis Bode states that the Dutch steamer Pomona, from Copenhagen to Amsterdam, has been taken to Beineham.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

GHEENT HEAVILY BOMBED.

Visited by Fifteen Allied Aeroplanes.

London, May 31.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that, according to the Echo de la Belgique, fifteen Allied aeroplanes heavily bombed Ghent on Monday, considerably damaging the railway station and causing a panic. They returned without loss, after numerous air fights.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page, they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ITALIAN PUSH.

London, May 30.
An Italian official report says: There has been very heavy artillery firing from Mount Cucco to Mount Vodice, eastward of Gorizia. The enemy three times unsuccessfully attacked our trenches on Hill No. 667, between Jamiano and the coast. We extended our gains westward of Medebate.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ENEMY RAIDS.

London, May 30.
Viscount French (Commander-in-Chief of Home Defences), replying to a Folkestone deputation, said it is impossible to absolutely prevent aeroplane attacks, but the scheme of defence has been reconsidered in the light of experience gained by the recent raid and he hoped the measures now taken would make any further raid a risky operation involving heavy loss.

RESTLESS RUSSIA.

General Smuts' Advice.

London, May 30.
General Smuts, speaking at the Russian Exhibition at the Grafton Galleries, said: If nothing further happened as a result of the war but the Russian revolution, posterity would say the war had not been in vain. The Germans had always regarded the Russians as barbarians. Our prayer was that these "barbarians" would save the world from military despotism as they saved Europe from Napoleon; also that they would continue to bear their share in smashing the bloody Turks and thus end their anti-Christian tyranny. He ventured to remind our Russian brethren that discipline must accompany freedom, otherwise freedom was like new wine—it sometimes went to the head. Germany was quite ready to swallow all Russia's ideal formulas about peace without annexation or indemnities and to swallow Russia too. Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech showed that Germany longed for peace but a peace based upon blood and iron must go down by blood and iron. He hoped the Russians would not forget the agony of Serbia and Belgium. The latter was making a brave fight not only here but in East Africa and Central Africa. (Cheers). He knew he was expressing the sentiment of the Russian and other democracies when he said it would be a shame on the Allies if we let these small nations go under.
General Smuts concluded: We have achieved what we thought impossible, namely, a union of the free peoples of the world against autocracies like Germany, Austria and Turkey, and, you may add, the Devil. What a combination!

Officers Favour Offensive.

Petrograd, May 30.
The Congress of Delegates of Officers serving at the front has resolved that, while hailing the Provisional Government's aspirations towards a stable peace, the only means of arriving thereat is by the re-establishment of a military offensive.
Deserters have been rounded up at Kieff.

Dangers of Drunkenness.

New York, May 30.
A telegram from Petrograd states that the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Executive has called attention to deplorable events arising from the increase in drunkenness and lays stress upon the grave dangers to be expected therefrom. The Executive declares that no one has any right to buy drink or vodka and appeals to the people to abolish it for evermore.

A WEEK'S SUBMARINING.

London, May 30.
The Admiralty reports that the arrivals for the week were 2,719 in number and the sailings 2,768. Eighteen vessels of over 1,600 tons and one under 1,600 tons were sunk, while seventeen vessels were unsuccessfully attacked. Two fishing vessels were sunk.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF TOBACCO TRADE.

London, May 30.
The Board of Trade assumes control of tobacco, prohibits dealings therein except as authorized and fixes wholesale prices from 1st June.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, May 30.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states: There is nothing of interest to report.
The French communique says:—Both artillery forces continued to be most active in the neighbourhood south of St. Quentin. The Champagne batteries have been silenced. A heavy bombardment of our trenches on Mont Ham and Cresques took place.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

POLISH SINGER'S DEATH.

London, May 31.
A message from Amsterdam states that the death has taken place of the famous Polish singer, Edouard D-muska.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

Naval Yard's First Victory.

The Naval Yard met the University "B" team in the second division of the Tennis League, on the latter's courts yesterday, and won by 53 games to 46. The scores were as follows:—

Parry and Crocker beat Martin and Woon, 7-4; beat Hung and Tan, 8-3; beat Ang and Ang, 8-3. Clarke and Winfield beat Hung and Tan, 9-2; lost to Martin and Woon, 5-6; lost to Ang and Ang, 4-7.

Black and Trueman lost to Martin and Woon 4-7; lost to Hung and Tan 3-8; lost to Ang and Ang, 5-6.

Chinese Recreation v. Vanguard. This match, postponed from last Saturday, was played off yesterday, and resulted in a win for the Chinese Recreation Club by 53 games to 41. The following is the score:—

Ng Sze Kwong and Wong Po Keung beat Manley and Lee, 9-8; beat Gross and Ahlo, 8-3; beat Lo and Lo, 9-2.

Wong Po Keung and M. P. Lo beat Manley and G. Lee, 9-2; beat Gross and Ahlo, 8-3; lost to Lo and Lo, 5-6.

Yew Man Tsun and M. W. Lee lost to Manley and Lee, 2-9; beat Gross and Ahlo, 6-5; lost to Lo and Lo, 2-9.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve), state:—

Monday, June 4.
No Parade or Police School will take place on this date.

Tuesday, June 5.—Class 13 (Inspector Gordon).

Wednesday, June 6.—Class 15 (Chief Inspector Kerr).

Thursday, June 7.—Class 14 (Inspector Carr).

Friday, June 8.—Class 12 (Inspector Grant).

Parades, Central, 5.45 p.m. Tuesday, June 5.—Ambulance Platoon. Also recruits of all Companies under O.S. Major.

Thursday, June 7.—No. 1 Section and No. 2 Platoon.

Friday, June 8.—No. 3 Company. Also recruits of all Companies.

Uniform. Helmets, not caps, are to be worn on all parades.

Registration. Members of the Police Reserve (other than those of No. 3 Company, Ambulance Platoon and Baglari) who have not yet done so, must register under the Registration of Persons Ordinance.

Forms may be obtained from this office or from Pass Office Central Station.

The Ordinance applies to (1) all the above members over 18 years of age and (2) their wives and daughters if over 18 years of age.

Forms, duly filled up, may be returned to this office or to Central Station.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Import of Pearls and Unset
Stones.The Government of India have
intimated that the importation
into the United Kingdom of
pearls and unset stones, other
than diamonds, although pro-
hibited under the proclamation of
the 5th December, 1916, is being
permitted for the present under
a general license issued to His
Majesty's Customs authorising
them to admit these articles, and
that it is not necessary for
individuals to apply for import
licenses in the case of these
articles.

Japanese Fishermen for Alaska.

Two hundred and ten Japa-
nese fishermen who will be em-
ployed by the large American
salmon fishing and canning
concerns in Alaska have left
Yokohama. These men will work
in Alaska about six months
and will return home to spend
the winter. The men expect good
wages this year, because of the
demand for food in the United
States and the scarcity of labour.
Several hundred more fishermen
are now in Yokohama, and will
leave for this work on steamers
sailing shortly.

Death from Gangrene.

The Malay Mail regrets to
record the death, which took
place at the European Hospital,
Kuala Lumpur, recently, of Mr.
W. G. Johns, superintendent of
Berjantai Estate, Kuala Selangor.
Mr. Johns went into hospital
several weeks ago suffering from
injuries to the leg as a result of a
motor bicycle accident and
gangrene supervening was the
cause of his death. Mr. Johns
came to this country over ten
years ago, and was a very popular
member of the planting com-
munity. At one time he was
prominent among local amateur
riders.

The Cost of the War.

A telegram dated Berne, April
10, says:—An Austrian financial
expert estimates that the total
cost of the war to the end of
March has been 487 milliards of
kroper (\$17,000,000,000), fully
one-quarter of which has been
borne by Great Britain. The
Entente Powers share 275 mil-
liards (\$11,500,000,000), of which
Great Britain has contributed
100 milliards (over \$4,000,000-
000), France 71 milliards, Russia
73 milliards, and Italy 22
milliards. The Central Powers
share 182 milliards (\$5,500,000-
000), Germany's portion being
79 milliards and Austria-Hun-
gery's 45 milliards.

The Polish Badges.

Much interest is centred in the
arm-badges worn by the French
soldiers. Our War Office issue
one only, the thin gold stripe
denoting that the wearer has been
wounded. The French army
has many, and the Polish carries
his whole military record on his
sleeve. An inverted "V" high
on the right sleeve means
"wounded"; a new one is added
for each additional wound; A
"V" right side up on the same
sleeve merely means "Sent home
on sick leave." The "V" on the
left sleeve indicates length of
service; one for the first year,
and one for every succeeding six
months. A new distinction,
which is highly prized, has re-
cently been created—a narrow,
horizontal band—and means "Six
months at Verdun."

"Don't be Impatient."

A telegram from Zurich to Le
Matin states that in the course of
an interview, Prince Leopold of
Bavaria declared:—"Our mili-
tary situation is good. People
must not lose patience. The
population suffers, but must not
forget that this is a matter of
either life or death. Our sacrifices
will not be in vain. Even if
by a misfortune, which I be-
lieve impossible, we were not
victorious, our sacrifices will be
small compared to those which
would then be imposed upon us.
In a war like this the conquered
do not come out with only a
broken wing. Our economy and
political life would be wiped out
for more than a century. We
therefore intend to fight until we
win. Our military situation
allows us to hope."

GENERAL NEWS.

China, Russia and Klakhta.
A Shanghai dispatch reports that the Russo-Chinese Klakhta Convention has just been revised, the leading points being as follows:—1.—Russia and China shall establish revenue offices in the leaving places in Sinkiang. 2.—Russia and China shall maintain guards on their boundary lines. 3.—Russia shall not maintain a garrison in her Concessions in China. 4.—In case Russia levies duties on Chinese imports, China shall impose similar duties on Russian goods imported into her territory. 5.—The tariff shall be a conventional one. 6.—The administration of railways, telegraphs and posts in China shall be controlled by the Chinese Government, and Russia shall not interfere therewith.

Hongkong Kindly Note.
Kuala Lumpur is organising a grand fête for August 4, the anniversary of the declaration of war, the funds to go to various war charities. It was proposed to have a lottery in addition to the other attractions but this idea has been abandoned, as the Chief Secretary and High Commissioner both regarded it with disfavour. All communities are to take part and run their own sections and the usual concomitants of such fêtes will be present in profusion. There will be exhibitions, sports, entertainments, concerts, and many opportunities for disbursing money and the occasion will serve both the sentimental one of celebration of the event and the practical one of obtaining money for war funds.

Mutiny of Chinese Crew.
Liverpool, April 12.—A steamer has just arrived at Liverpool and her master reports that when at sea mutiny occurred on board, with the result that one of the crew was killed. There were 45 Chinamen on board and 11 European officers, and the crew were dissatisfied with the cook and threatened to kill him. A serious quarrel ensued on deck, and the officers endeavoured to quieten matters. There then ensued a mutiny against orders, and several of the Chinamen became dangerous. One of them seized an iron bar, with which he made a blow at one of the officers. The latter ducked and dodged the weapon, but a second and third attempt was made, and the officer then felt compelled to fire his revolver. The Chinaman was shot through the head and rolled over dead. The mutiny was subsequently quelled. An inquest will be held on the dead Chinaman.

U Boat Crews' Rewards.
The Amsterdam correspondent of the Times states that a correspondent of the *Telegraaf* on the frontier states that German submarine crews receive the same pay as those of other naval vessels, with the addition of 10 per cent. and prize money. In the case of captured ships the commander and first engineer each receives 5 per cent. of the ship's value as estimated by the Prize Court, the officers may share 15 per cent. of the value, and the crew 25 per cent. Thus 50 per cent. of the value of captured ships goes to the submarine crews. The reward for torpedoed ships is smaller. The ship's assured value is here taken as the basis. The commander and the chief engineer each gets 1 per cent., the officers 1 per cent. together, and the crew 10 per cent. together. During the first six months the rewards paid to a new submarine are somewhat higher. A special prize is given to commanders who destroy most warships on a voyage, and also for special feats.

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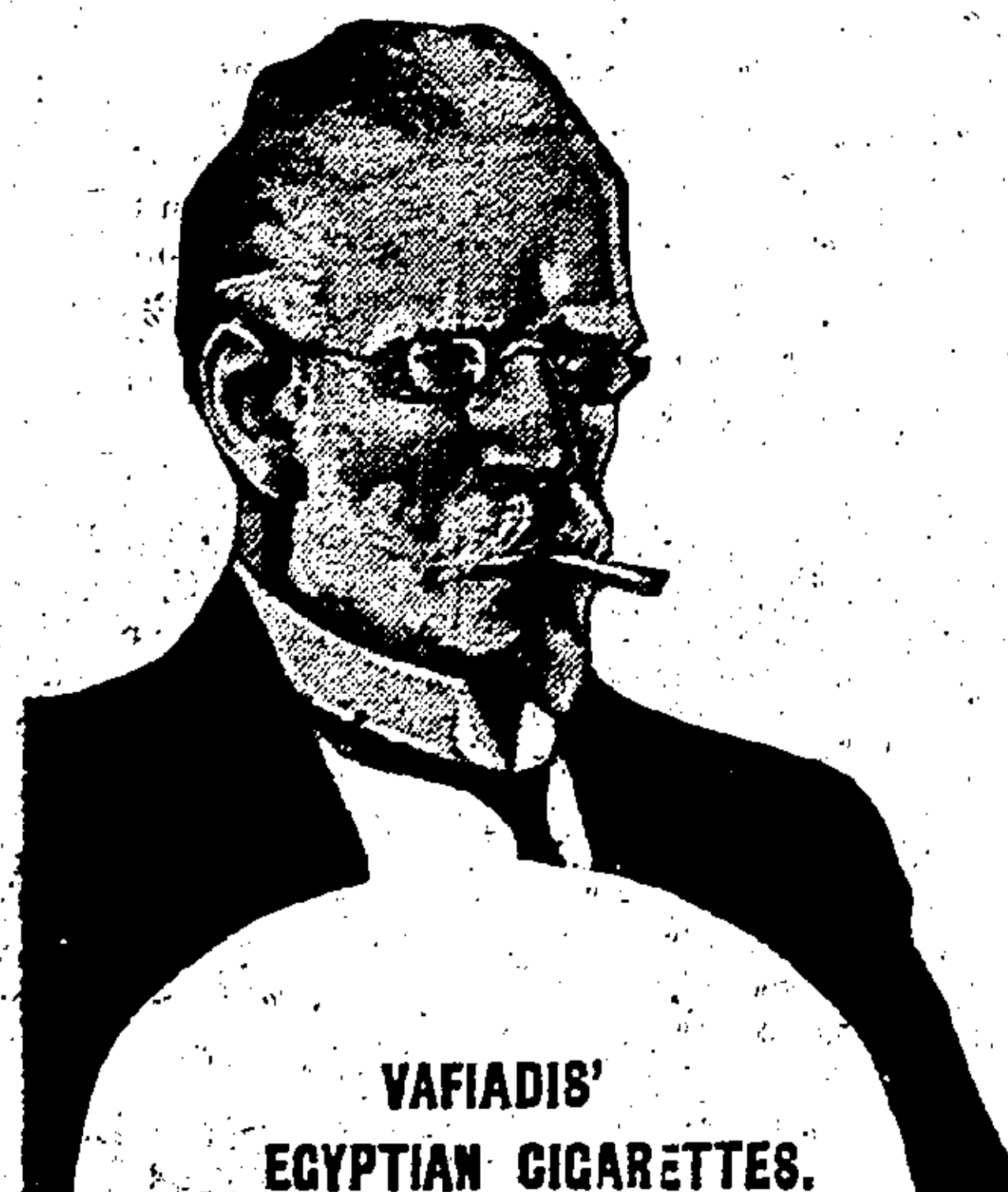
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1917.

THE PORT OF HONGKONG.

The continued prosperity of the port of Hongkong is reflected in the report of the Harbour Master for the past year. This shows a very decided increase in the number and tonnage of vessels entering and clearing, as compared with the previous twelve months, the advance being represented by 111,192 more vessels, and 2,496,538 more tons. These figures, of course, include vessels of all types, other than fishing junks. So far as British shipping is concerned, the statistics contained in the report are satisfactory in the sense that they reveal a retention of its supremacy. In view of the continued drain on British tonnage, because of the war, it would not have been surprising if the returns had shown a very serious decline in the number of vessels flying the red ensign, and a corresponding, or even greater, advance in foreign-owned vessels visiting the port. Happily, however, no such circumstance is indicated, though, so far as ocean-going shipping is concerned, there is a slight falling off in numbers and tonnage.

On looking into the figures a little closely, we see that there has been a falling off of 7.4 per cent in the number of British ocean-going ships using the port, with a decrease in tonnage of 7.1 per cent. Contrasted with that, we notice that foreign ocean-going vessels have advanced by 3.3 per cent in numbers, though in tonnage there is a shrinkage of 2.4 per cent. The former circumstance is attributed to the chartering of several coasting steamers by the Government, and the withdrawal of the P. and O. intermediate service, while the change in the foreign figures is ascribed to an increase in Japanese and Chinese ships of smaller tonnage. Taking ocean-going and river steamers together, the report shows that British tonnage covers just 50 per cent. of the whole shipping, with foreign tonnage 35 per cent. Allowing for all the abnormal circumstances, the whole report may be considered as reflecting quite a healthy state of affairs, though it must be borne in mind that the present year's figures are likely to be adversely affected from the fact that the requisitioning scheme has in the meantime been very considerably extended. However, if we can only manage substantially to retain our present lead until the dawn of more normal times, there will be no reason to fear for the future of British shipping when the war is over. All the same, we could only wish that there were a better and fairer adjustment of requisitioning, by which ships of all the Allied nations would bear the burdens in more equal proportions than at present the case. Such a scheme would be hailed with deep satisfaction by British companies in the Far East in particular.

A further step forward in port administration is disclosed in the statement that the Government buoy scheme is now in full working order. In all, there are forty-five buoys affected by the scheme, and the year's revenue from the fees derived therefrom totals no less than \$51,916. The Harbour Master is of the opinion that the scheme is generally much appreciated, and that it considerably improves the facilities and conveniences of the port. We are glad to see that point emphasised, because the scheme is one which we have all along supported, though on its inauguration it was rather severely criticised by several shipping men. A fair trial of it, however, has probably convinced them by this time that order and regulation in allotment of anchorages is much to be preferred to the past system of chaos and uncertainty.

Brazil's Decision.

Not merely in the German-American war, but in the war between the Entente and the Central Powers, Brazil has declared, officially and unanimously, that she has revoked her neutrality. Thus, in legal manner, and with complete assent, this, the most important of the South American States, has come forward as a champion in the cause of Right over Might. That the Brazilians mean business is evident from the fact that the Bill revoking the neutrality that Brazil had at first deemed to be her best policy, also authorises the utilisation of German ships at present in Brazilian ports. This latter point is one of no little importance, as German ships in large numbers had taken refuge in Rio de Janeiro and other Brazilian ports. This loss of tonnage is, of course, a matter of the utmost gravity to Germany, not only at present, with her resources being fast depleted, but in view of the great economic struggle that is certain to prevail on the termination of the war. It must also be taken in conjunction with her recent enormous losses in tonnage at the hands of the United States. As to the more direct effects of Brazil's entrance into the struggle, it may not amount to much in the actual warfare. Neither in men nor in money is she, considerable as are her resources, likely to contribute substantially. She will, however, be able effectively to cope with the very considerable German interests that have for the past few decades grown up in Brazil, and she will likewise be able to put a check on any further Germanisation of large areas in this vast and fertile country. Brazilians have long since been aware that German colonisation in Brazil, as elsewhere, in marked contrast to the policy adopted by the British and the Americans, has as its primary basis the further aggrandisement of Germany and the Germans, rather than the benefiting of the country and its inhabitants. Brazil's declaration therefore is one of first-rate importance; one that will hit the German fairly and squarely, and will be of considerable service to the Allies at present and in the future.

New Postal Scheme.

The Post Office scheme, announced by Reuters yesterday, and which we stated would be a "system of interest to Hongkong," is very likely to tally with our description in the near future. At least it is devoutly to be hoped that such will be the case, as Hongkong, in common with other large commercial centres, has suffered not a little of late by enemy submarine depredations and consequent loss of mails. The new scheme will necessitate a very considerable amount of additional work, and, if for no other reason than that, should be given a hearty welcome, as it is well-known that Mr. Illingworth, the recently appointed Postmaster General, is sorely handicapped in these days by a very much decreased staff. He is to be congratulated on having devised a simple scheme which promises well, for it would be difficult to devise anything better than that which is proposed, namely, that the originals and duplicates of letters posted together should be sent throughout the Empire by successive mails. The adoption of this scheme will, of course, necessitate a large amount of additional work in business premises and elsewhere, as well as in the G. P. O., but, nevertheless, it is a scheme to be welcomed and one well worth giving a trial to, if even only tentatively.

New Japanese Companies.

Among newly organised companies in Japan are the Shanghai Electric Company, the Wakayama Cotton Cloth Company, the Kwanto Weaving Company, the Japan Habutai Company, the Japan Foreign Tile Company, the Steel Material Company, the Japan Silk Weaving Company, the Teikoku Paint Company, the Export Toy Manufacturing Company, the Yamazaki Steamship Company, and the Teikoku Condensed Milk Company.

DAY BY DAY.

THE FLY THAT RIPS THE EAGLE IS LOST IN THE SWEETS—John Gay.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 9th anniversary of the death of General Buller.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.13/101.

Hotel Attraction.
The public will be interested to hear that a first-class European string band will give a performance at the North Point Hotel on Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m. The Hotel is now under completely new management. Trams pass the premises every few minutes.

Knocked Down by Motor Car.
A Chinese schoolboy was knocked down yesterday by a motor car whilst he was walking in Queen's Road East, near Graham Street. He received injuries to the right side of his face and right arm, but these are of a somewhat slight nature. The occupants of the motor car conveyed him to Hospital.

Another Chinese Electrocuted.
Whilst a Chinese was assisting in carrying out the work which is now in progress on the roof of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, he accidentally stepped on to a live electric wire, which was so heavily charged with electricity as to cause the workman's death. The body was conveyed to the public mortuary.

Ditty Box Stolen.
When charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a ditty box belonging to a man serving on one of His Majesty's ships, a Chinese was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks. The man was seen by a stoker to go into the cook house and steal the box.

Gambled the Proceeds.
A ricksha coolie was sent out by a ricksha farmer to collect the fees for the day, and, having collected fees amounting to \$9, he proceeded to gamble, with the result that he lost all the money. He was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's Court this morning, and was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

ALLEGED DUMPING.

Chinese Belief in Evil Spirits.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. Dyer Ball, a Chinese woman was charged with dumping the dead body of a female child in Cause Road.

A Chinese constable stated that he saw the woman, who was with two other women, dump the body outside of No. 28, and then walk away.

The defendant's story was that the child had been ill for five days, and a Chinese doctor was sent for. As he did not come, and the baby got worse, it was suggested by the principal tenant of the house that they should take the baby to the Convent. Defendant was asked by the mother to help carry the child, and when they got to the Convent they rang the bell five times, but nobody came. The mother then set the child down to rest, and on its clothing being loosened, it was found to be breathing very hard, and it died almost at once. The mother and the other woman who was with them ran away, and the constable then came up and arrested her. She had not dumped the child, and was only asked to carry it.

His Worship asked why three people were necessary to carry the child, and the woman said she was afraid to carry it alone, in case it might die.

Dr. Pearce, the Medical Officer of Health, stated that some Chinese women think that there are evil spirits in sick children, and that might account for three going together. It was the custom for a certain class of women to leave their sick children on the doorsteps of the Convent. That had been going on for many years.

His Worship decided to adjourn the case, awaiting the arrival of the report of the Medical Officer of the Mortuary.

HONGKONG

ENGLISHMEN.

Formation of a St. George's Society.

There was quite a gratifying attendance of Englishmen at the City Hall last evening when a meeting was held for the purpose of forming a St. George's Society on the same lines as the St. Andrew's Society for Scotsmen, and also for the purpose of presenting a report on the result of the celebration of St. George's Day. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz presided, and he was supported at the head table by Mr. C. Champkin, who acted as Hon. Treasurer of St. George's Day, and Mr. J. Bentley, the Hon. Secretary. Those also present were:—The Hon. E. H. Sharp, K.C., the Hon. Mr. H. E. P. J. K. O., the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, and Messrs. N. J. Stabb, G. T. Elkins, E. Shelton Hooper, M. S. Northcott, P. O. Potts, H. P. Winlow, S. H. Dodwell, A. R. Lowe, P. M. Hodgson, G. C. Moron, C. W. Beechick and others.

The Chairman first of all spoke of how the Committee appointed a meeting held on March 12 for the purpose of celebrating St. George's Day had carried out his instructions of the meeting, and went on to detail the doings of the day, speaking of how they were indebted to Mr. H. P. White, for selling the seats of the dress circle by auction; the Ladies Committee, presided over by Lady May; Mr. Sutherland and Mr. H. W. Bird for the work they did in connection with the Cafe Chantant; Mr. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Hay, and Mr. Dorman Fuller for their work in connection with the Shakespearean performances; and all those others who helped to make the day such a success. The day's events realised the net sum of \$33,000.—(Applause.) The street collections realised \$16,179, the theatre on St. George's Day \$11,294, two subsequent performances \$1,658, and the Cafe Chantant \$6,821.

There were certain outgoings, and a balance sheet had been prepared, which was open for inspection. They were very much indebted to the Hon. Mr. P. R. Holyoak, who convened the first meeting, and it was owing to his initiative that the day was celebrated at all. Very few people seemed to know before that St. George's Day was also the birth day of Shakespeare and it was a source of gratification to know that men, women and children were wearing the same red and white favours that the English troops wore at the battle of the Ancre. He wished to thank, on behalf of the Committee, Mr. Bentley who had worked so hard. (Applause.) The net balance worked out at about \$4,000, which was considered very gratifying. They proposed giving \$1,000 to the Prisoners of War Fund; \$1,000 to Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshop; \$1,000 to the Dreadnought Hospital; and \$1,000 to the French B. O. Corps. The speaker explained the various appeals that these charities made to them, and added that he was sure these objects would all be deemed worthy of their support.

Dealing with the proposed St. George's Society, the Chairman spoke of how the St. George's Society at Shanghai was affiliated to the Royal St. George's Society at Home, and said that as time had not permitted of them here getting in touch with that Society they had decided to establish themselves first, and they could, if necessary, see about affiliation later. The draft of the rules had been prepared by Mr. Looker and Mr. Sharp, and they had been very carefully drawn up. It was not possible to circulate them before, because there was no real Society. He went on to speak of the proposed composition of the Committee, and stated that the entrance fee had been suggested as \$5 and an annual subscription of \$2. Every man present would become a foundation member.

Mr. Shelton Hooper suggested that the subscription should be raised to \$5, and some discussion ensued on this, the meeting eventually deciding that the subscription be \$2.

The Chairman proposed that the Society be constituted in the manner provided by the rules, and this being seconded by Mr. Edkins, it was unanimously agreed to, amidst applause.

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The Chairman explained that there had been some suggestion that as a result of the last St. George's Ball there was a balance of \$2,000. They had made enquiries and they found that there was an account at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in the name of Mr. W. C. D. Turner, but, far from being a credit balance, they discovered that there had been a small debit, which had been met by a whip round. There had therefore been some delusion on that matter.—(Laughter.)

The election of officers was proceeded with, the Chairman being elected President, Mr. P. H. Holyoak Vice-President, Mr. J. Bentley Hon. Secretary, Mr. N. J. Stabb Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Messrs. H. W. Bird, C. Beechick, G. S. Archbutt, H. W. Looker, and W. A. Dowley, as Committee.

The meeting terminated by a vote of thanks to the Chairman, on the proposition of Mr. G. C. Moron, who also wished a long and useful career to the St. George's Society of Hongkong.

In connection with the Cafe Chantant and Fancy Fete on St. George's Day, Mr. H. W. Bird wishes to express thanks to:—

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Mr. W. A. Dowley wishes to thank:—For the assistance rendered at the refreshment bar in the afternoon, at the Cafe Chantant and in the evening at the Theatre Royal; Messrs. C. B. Brooks, J. Skinner, J. Arnold, Sgt. Major Band, also the British American Tobacco Co., Hongkong Cigar Store and Messrs. D. M. D. Whyte, for supplying cigars and cigarettes; Messrs. A. S. Watson, for supplying one case Gilbey's whisky.

Mr. W. Sinclair wishes to express his deep appreciation for assistance rendered to him by the performers in the "Scenes from Shakespeare" and thanks especially:—Mr. C. H. P. Hay, for producing two items of the programme; Mrs. C. H. P. Hay, for arranging the ballet and designing costumes for the entire production; Mr. Dorman Fuller, for writing special music, training the chorus and attending to the lighting; Mr. W. A. Cornell, for constructional work on the stage; Mr. G. Dancin, for making St. George's armour, and the Kowloon Dock Co., for presenting same.

Shantung Copper Cash Question.

Tinan, May 18.—Now that the two months' term allowed to the Japanese dealers in copper cash for the closing up of the business is to expire on the 20th inst., views are being exchanged among the influential Japanese and Chinese to get the business restored to its former freedom. On the other hand, some of the members of the Chinese Guild, who are desirous of monopolising the business have raised cries against the Governor and gone so far as to present an impeachment of him, as the question.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

An artistic gift has just reached the Red Cross Headquarters, 83, Pall Mall, in the shape of an illuminated missal by a young artist Dispatch Rider Cecil A. Tookes, R.N.V.R., who was taken prisoner at Antwerp in 1914. It bears the following inscription:—"Tribute to the Women of England—Who in the dark days of the Great War most nobly played their part, cheering and comforting many thousands of their Countrymen during their internment as Prisoners of War in Germany. Their cheery messages, kind thoughts, and timely gifts of food, clothing, and other comforts will ever be most gratefully remembered by the Sons of the Motherland.—Dobbert, 1916."

Brazil has broken off relations with Germany. And certainly she ought to join the war of the democracies against autocracy, for in one respect she is the most democratic of all countries. Not only does the Brazilian law refuse to recognise titles of nobility, but it even prohibits the use of academic distinctions as "contrary to the principles of true democracy." If the Brazilian navy does play any part in the war it will be, in a sense, coming home again. The original all-big-gun ship or Dreadnought was built in England for Brazil. A fine model of this vessel is to be seen at the naval museum attached to Greenwich Hospital.

Eastertide has witnessed what may be called the evacuation of Trafalgar Square. Gone are the great posters, mounted skyhigh, with their anguished appeals to the manhood of the nation to enrol for National Service; and gone also the figure of the hated Hun, with his square face crumpling to its four corners beneath the "knock-out blow" of the branny (but very unscientific) British. It is a tardy victory for good taste, quickened perhaps by protest made in this column and elsewhere against the vulgarisation of the national monument as well as of the national appeal itself. Most people will leave it at that, but there are sure to be a few curmudgeons who would like to know how much it cost to print and put up this belittling show of ink and paper, and how much to take it down. The whole thing reminds one of that good old Duke of York who, having marched his men to the top of the hill, just marched them down again—and none the less because, as I have no doubt, the good old Duke was well paid for both jobs.

The new rooms which are now being opened at the National Liberal Club will add greatly to the comfort of members. The adaptation of the old Westminster Palace Hotel to the purposes of a club has been proceeding steadily ever since the move from Whitehall-place was made. On the ground floor little change was needed, but upstairs the conversion of a range of bedrooms into a library and reading rooms was almost indispensable. That process has now so far advanced as to permit of the opening of three reading and magazines rooms, and the transfer of the books from the Gladstone Library in Whitehall-place will soon be put in hand. The temporary loss of access to the library has been a serious blow to numbers of members, and the installation of the books in their new home will be proportionately welcome.

A well known Sydney jockey tells the following story. At the expense of a trainer in Victoria. The trainer in question employs 20 or 30 stable boys, who recently complained that the food provided them was not to the standard. The trainer was surprised, and decided that if the lads were justified in their complaints matters would be immediately remedied. He arrived just as the boys were sitting down to the morning meal. "Look at that," said one, "freckled faced youth, holding out a chop at the end of a fork. The trainer sniffed the morsel, and in a hesitating manner volunteered that he thought it was on the turn. "On the turn," he blurted, "tormented the youth, 'why the hell, way down the straight'."

"TAKING OVER."

How the British Line is Extended.

Trains of a prodigious length are crawling up the French Railway. One follows so closely upon another that the rear truck of the first is rarely out of the sight of the engine-driver of the second. The speed is not rapid; occasionally it will amount to ten miles an hour. There are constant stops in and outside the little stations, and then the engines make a painful effort to restart the journey.

These trains are full of British soldiers. Most of them are going to the Front for the first time. They are seated anywhere on the trucks—on the roof, legs dangling over the edges, inside, or even on the buffers. They take a blasé interest in the scenery. When the train stops, they will frequently jump off and attempt a word or two in French with the girls who crowd to the side of the embankment to cheer them on their journey.

At last the train-lode approach their goal. The musical accompaniment of the Front begins to reverberate. British and French aeroplanes are flying overhead. The stolid quietude of the countryside gives way to feverish activity. The roads are crowded. The engines give a snort of satisfaction, for their work while done.

The men clamber out on to the siding, collect their equipment, and are ready for a march up country. The trains, in these days, do not discharge their passengers at the gate of the trenches. Here is a gently undulating country, a relief from the lonely level of the Flemish plains. More and yet more trains are arriving over the horizon, and there are more to come, not carrying men only but the many accessories which human beings require.

The men are fallen in by companies and the march begins. A few children run along side of the men shouting their perpetual "Anglais" and ending off with a request for "souvenirs". Some of them take the soldiers' hands and walk on with them till they are tired. The presence of children even at the edge of the danger zone is a pleasant relief from the desolation of War. One wonders if the civilians who have remained will be able to settle down when their homes have once again sunk into the normal slumber of peace.

Now the trenches are reached, and the men who have come to this particular entrance break into single file. The arrangements necessary for sending the right divisions to the right trenches are not so simple as might appear. Remember the occasion is one not of taking over a few trenches, but of relieving for some 60 miles of French line. But there is no confusion. The right men are sent to the right places, and everything is done quietly. A few of the British soldiers are old hands, and these criticize amiably the methods of French Trench-digging. For there are many differences between a French and a British trench, some to the advantage of one, some of the other. This human sea filters in by single file down to the communication trenches and out to their various positions. The trench snipers are firing the last rounds. They will fire from that position. It is certainly like a great tide. 60 miles of trenches are gradually changing their nationality. At every available entrance the waves are sweeping in.

The French pull affectionately greet his English brother. In some cases he will even kiss him on the cheek. The "tommy" has learnt to be not at all embarrassed and simply replies "Ocheerich camered". The Frenchman could not literally translate this, but he knows what it means. Then with an equal absence of confusion, the tide begins to ebb. The French are slowly giving up their places as the British invasion advances further. The German, a few yards over the way, also celebrates the occasion. Probably he knows quite well what is happening. A few extra shells whizz by. A trench mortar or two splatters a word or two. The snipers try a few

HONGKONG ROADS.

Their Maintenance and Construction.

"Road Construction and Maintenance in the Tropics" is the subject of a lengthy and highly technical article which has been contributed to the *Journal of the Municipal and County Engineers' Institute* by Mr. H. E. Goldsmith, Assistant Engineer of the Hongkong Public Works Department. The article, which is splendidly illustrated, deals with the methods followed in Hongkong in the laying down and maintenance of roads, describing more particularly the manner in which the thoroughfares are being treated to meet the rapidly changing methods of road locomotion.

It is recorded that when the Chinese Government in 1841 ceded the island to Great Britain, only rough foot tracks existed; to-day the Colony can boast of approximately 185 miles of good roads. The foundations of the roads until recent years consisted of red earth, and upon this for the main roads was laid ordinary granite macadam four inches thick. The country or hill roads were either surfaced with concrete or decomposed granite. The advent of mechanically propelled traffic necessitated an alteration in the fabric of road surfacing, and bitumen, in some form, now plays an important part in the construction and maintenance of roads in Hongkong.

Mr. Goldsmith refers to the peculiar difficulties which confront the road engineer in the tropics, and comments on the manifest advantages of tar-bound surfacing. He says the mileage of main roads in Hongkong over which mechanically propelled vehicles may pass is about 110, and upon these it is proposed to lay in some form asphaltic mixtures. In fact, this work has already commenced and, but for the war, a large area would by now have been completed. The article is well written, and to experts it will reveal Hongkong's modern methods of dealing with a difficult problem.

Bean Oil in Flames.

Fire broke out among the piles of cases of Bean Oil in the compound of the Sintai Bean Mill near the Dairan Wharf compound the other day. The oil caught fire while one of the tins was being soldered. There were 100,000 cases of oil stored in the open and the flames quickly spread, sending up a great volume of black smoke. The loss is estimated at about ¥80,000.

random and ineffectual shot, in places, probably from the Saxons, there is a little shouting and good-humoured banter. But nothing else happens. It makes little difference to the weary German who mans the trenches over against him. Only the new men are new, fresh and untired. And the German has no available ally to give him corresponding relief.

It has all been managed with such order and absence of fuss, that one hardly appreciates the significance of the event. Yet it is really a great moment. The store of man-reserve which Great Britain possesses is beginning to take practical effect. The French who held the long lines at the beginning of war, who stood before Verdun, and threw their legions on the road to Peronne, are now being freed for work elsewhere. They have "carried on" till Great Britain was ready, and now she is ready. It is an event too of more than military significance. For as Poilu and Tommy greet each other, and officer shakes officer warmly by the hand, as the one tide flows in and the other ebbs slowly out, one realises that yet another knot of friendship is being tied between Albion and Gaul, a friendship which will endure long after the last guns have been fired, and will be not one of the least pillars on which the peace of the world will henceforward rest securely.

THE YARN MARKET.

A Quiet but Steady Tone.

Meera, Polishwalla and Kote-wall report:—

Since our last report on the 18th inst., nothing of importance has passed in our market. In the beginning of the fortnight sellers had shown some disposition to operate, which resulted in transactions to the extent of 4,000 bales in known chops, while during the latter part of the interval a quiet tone has prevailed, owing to some nervousness on the part of Chinese dealers to make further purchases, who are closely watching the most uncertain tendency of Indian exchange, which so greatly affects our market. Under such circumstances, the Chinese dealers, to ease their holdings, are found selling locally at current rates, hence our market has remained quiet, but steady. It does not seem likely to see some lively business passing in near future, as advices from India of a further rise in yarn in sympathy with raw material have prevented foreign holders from putting through any lots at present rate. Total sales 4,225 bales. Stocks are estimated at 18,500 bales, including 12,000 bales bargained for.

Arrivals.—The mail str. Nankang and extra str. Pansang Maru from Bombay, have brought in 5,675 bales for Hongkong and 6,700 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai and coast ports amount nil.

Shanghai.—Reports from that port show a drooping market, with very little business during the interval.

Japanese Yarns.—There has been no sales in this yarn during the past fortnight, and owing to big continual fluctuations in the prices in Japan, the Chinese are adopting a cautious policy of waiting for a feeling of steadiness in the market. The following are the nominal quotations:—Nagasaki No. 20s, at \$198; 3 Horses No. 16s, at \$181; 3 Horses No. 20s, at \$193; Yellow Jose No. 20s, at \$191; Seton No. 10s, at \$153; Seton No. 20s, at \$199; Blue Fish No. 20s, at \$199; Sandries chops No. 10s, at \$151/153.

Raw Cotton.—Market is absolutely quiet and featureless. Quotations:—Bengal \$28 to \$32. Chinese \$30 to \$36.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No. 32, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, commanding H. K. V. R., states:—

On duty from the morning of Sunday, the 3rd June, to the morning of Sunday, the 10th June, "A" Coy. H. K. V. R. Orderly Officer, Lieut. E. Evan Jones. Next for duty, H. K. V. R. Parade.

Monday, 4th instant:—Nil. Tuesday, 5th instant:—"A" and "B" Coys. on the road outside the Orderly Room at 5.15 p.m. Kowloon and Tai Koo Sections on the Football Ground, Happy Valley at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order. Signalling Section: "A" and "B" Classes at Jockey Club Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Clean Fatigue. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order.

Wednesday, 6th instant:—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill Order.

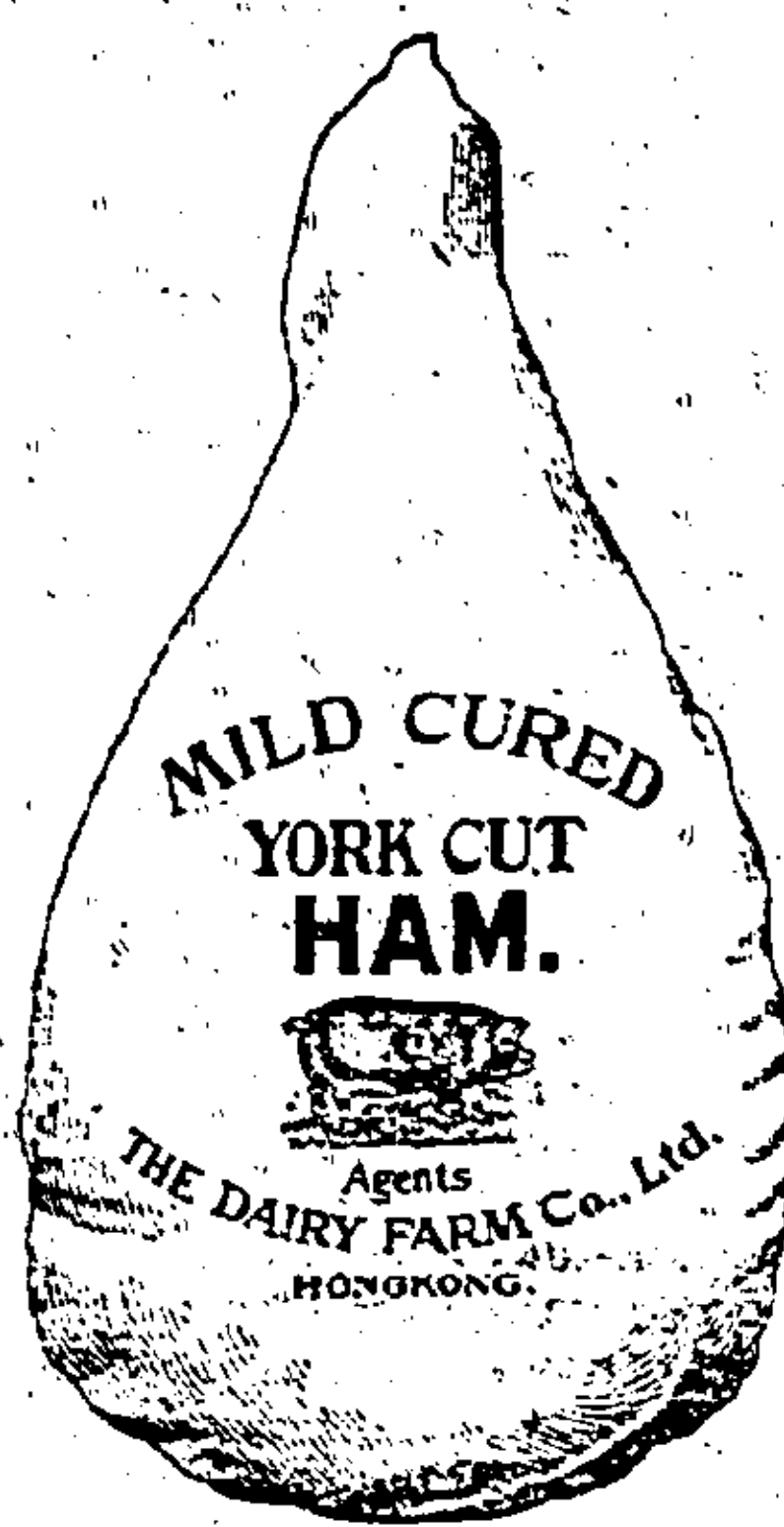
Thursday, 7th instant:—Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Clean Fatigue. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order.

Friday, 8th instant:—"A" and "B" Coys. and recruits on the road outside the Orderly Room at 5.15 p.m. Kowloon and Tai Koo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order. Signalling Section, "A" and "B" Classes at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Clean Fatigue.

Saturday, 9th June:—Nil. Transfer.

No 198 Pte. J. Spradbery is transferred to "D" Coy.

Reference Corps Order No. 31, Pte. S. H. West is posted to Platoon 8, Section 15, instead of Section 12.

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A LIBEL ACTION.

The Claim Against Capt. de la Sala.

In the Summary Court, this morning, the case was mentioned in which Walter J. Stokes is claiming from R. M. de la Sala, Captain of the now notorious Pheumpanh, the sum of \$1,000 for alleged libel.

Mr. Grist said that he was appearing for the plaintiff and his friend Mr. Shenton for the defendant.

Mr. Shenton said that his client had not arrived in the Colony yet, but he was expected back to-day, so that he would like an adjournment. It was a libel case. His Lordship:—Are you asking for pleadings?

Mr. Shenton:—I have not considered the situation yet from that point of view.

No order was made in the matter, and the case was adjourned to being stated that counsel had been engaged.

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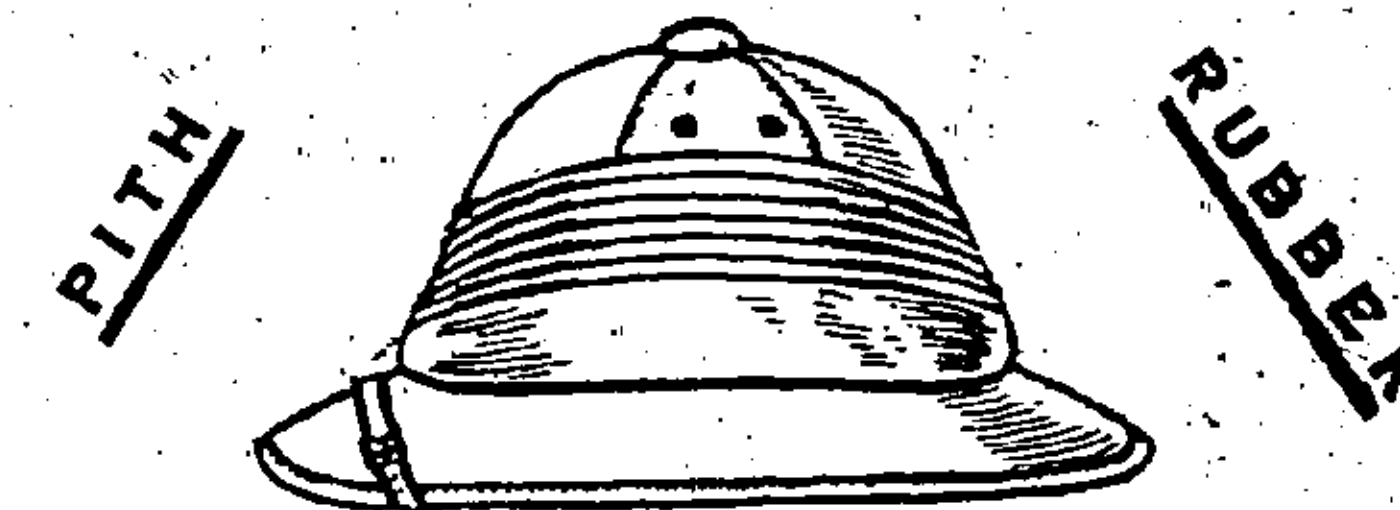
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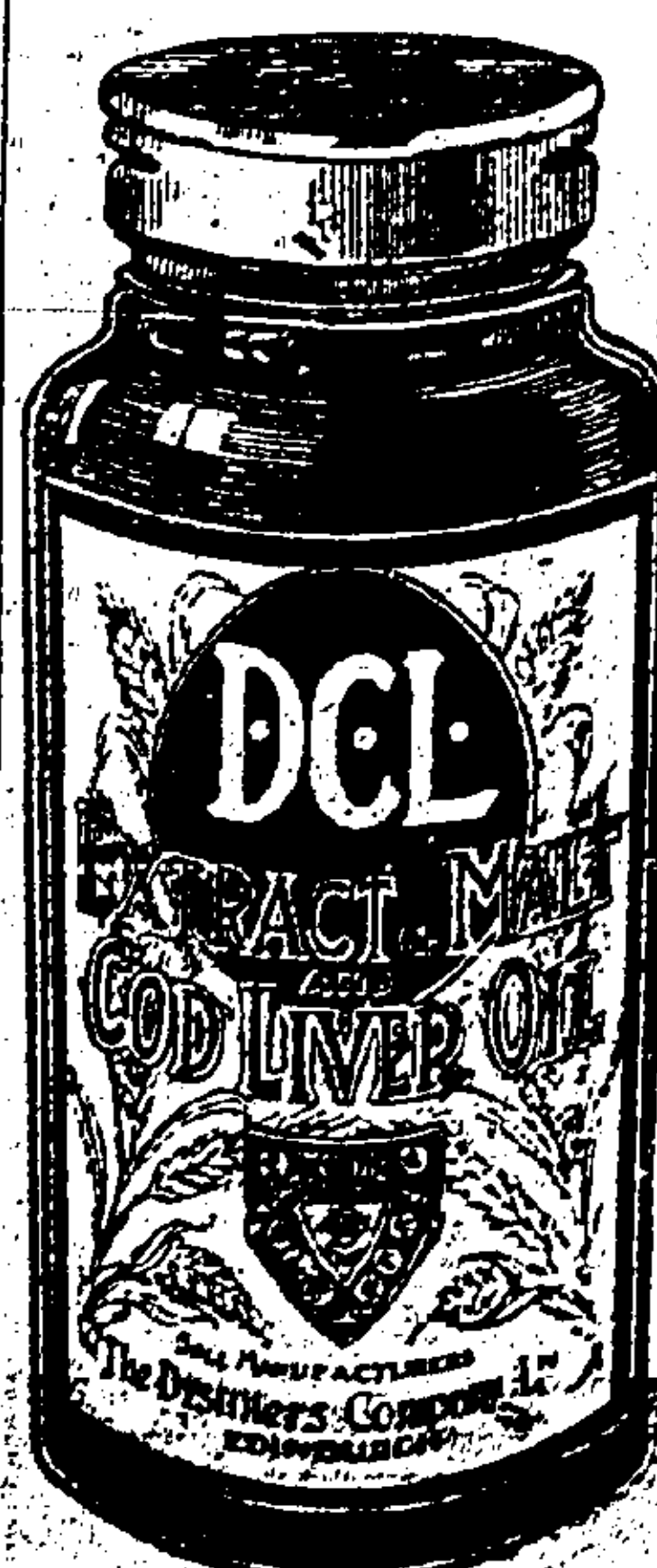
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

F.M.S. Tin Figures, Jan. 1916.

The total export of tin from F. M. S. in 1916, reduced to a metallic basis, amounted to pikuls 777,044 as compared with pikuls 785,870 in 1915, showing a decrease of pikuls 8,826 as compared with the previous year, says the Warden of Mines. In 1913—the last normal year—the export was pikuls 812,110. Of the total quantity for the year under review pikuls 80,245 were exported as block tin and pikuls 696,869 as tin in ore, in comparison with pikuls 73,403 and pikuls 712,965 in the previous year, showing an increase in block tin; in 1913 these figures were pikuls 85,503 and pikuls 736,617 respectively. Percentages of decreases on the 1915 output were as follows:—Perak 1.32, Selangor 1.17, Nerri Sembilan 27.08 and Pahang 8.63.

Restrictions Regarding Tanned Hides

Simla, April 20.—It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that the tanning of hides for War Office purposes is likely to be seriously prejudiced by the large demand for tanning bark for the purpose of tanning goat and sheep skins. They have accordingly decided to make the prohibition of the export of tanned skins absolute and are by notification prohibiting the export of tanned skins to the United Kingdom as to all other destinations. Certain relaxations of these orders in respect of existing commitments are under consideration, but otherwise no license to export tanned skins to any destinations whatever will be issued. For the present would-be exporters should furnish full details of their commitments to the Collector of Customs concerned, with the least possible delay.

Manchester Cotton Trade.

Lancashire remains in a state of ignorance concerning the opportunity that is to be given for carrying on her exceedingly valuable trade with India and China. The arrangements to be proposed by the Shipping Controller are not yet made known. He took the drastic step of diverting the shipping before ascertaining from Lancashire what the effect on exports would be, and the negotiations which, according to business men's ideas, should have preceded his action and prepared Lancashire for the inevitable restriction of trade have to be begun now, when merchants and manufacturers have already ventured a good many millions in this season's trade. There is too much at stake—too much capital and too much employment—says the Manchester Guardian, for Lancashire to remain silent, and if the Shipping Controller does not come to the rescue of the cotton trade the leaders of the trade will take it upon themselves to inform him of its necessities. The first requirement is sufficient shipping to move the overhanging stock in the Manchester warehouses. Unless those stocks are reduced merchants cannot continue accepting deliveries. The next requirement is the provision of a definite amount of tonnage month by month so that the trade may know to what limit it has to work. The state of affairs created by the Shipping Controller's action is so serious that it must be faced immediately. Manchester merchants say the facts must compel the Shipping Controller to find tonnage for Far Eastern exports, and they base a good deal of confidence on their own appreciation of the national advantage—not less in war time than in peace—of maintaining a profitable export trade. It is likely that before this week ends the India and China sections of the Chamber of Commerce will take the first steps towards an ascertainment of the actual stock in hand and the amount of business in prospect. With the knowledge thus gained the Chamber will be able to approach the Shipping Controller with precise information, and the responsibility of deciding how much business must be sacrificed will rest with him. Afterwards it may be left to the trade itself to apportion the available tonnage, and already a rationing proposal is in the air. It is not easy to calculate the effect of the Shipping Controller's action in terms of unemployment, but it will be somewhere near the mark to say that half of the total output of the Lancashire mills goes to India and the other Far Eastern market. The stoppage of anything like that amount of trade would bring distress into the cotton districts.

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